Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 8, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 8, 2002. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

DO NOT ENTER 7/23/02

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-8 and 12-15.

Please amend Claims 1, 6, 11, 19, 20, and 24 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A storage stable composition of matter comprising: a positively charged porous matrix comprising nylon; and

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